

## VOTING & ELECTIONS

**Activity: Read the text and complete the gaps with given words**

ballot box - ballot paper - candidates - constituency - election day - electoral register - polling booth - polling stations

### *How to vote*

(1) _____ open from 7am until 10pm. [...]	
You must vote at the polling station that you have been assigned to, although you can hand deliver a postal vote to any polling station in the (2) _____ .	
Polling stations are usually set up in schools, libraries and churches.	
On (3) _____, go to your local polling station. If you need assistance getting to the polling station, contact your electoral registration office to find out if they can help. You can also ask to have a companion with you when you vote, or staff in the polling station may be able to help you.	
Tell the staff inside the polling station your name and address so they can check that you are on the (4) _____. You can show them your poll card, but you do not need it to vote.	
The staff at the polling station will give you (5) a _____ listing the parties and (6) _____ you can vote for. You may be given more than one ballot paper if there is more than one election on the same day. [...]	
Take your ballot paper into (7) a _____ so that no one can see how you vote. Read the ballot paper carefully, it will tell you how to cast your vote. Do not write anything else on the paper or your vote may not be counted.	
Finally, when you have marked your vote, fold the ballot paper in half and put it in the (8) _____. Do not let anyone see your vote. If you are not clear on what to do, ask the staff at the polling station to help you.	

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**Read the guidelines again** - Is the voting procedure similar in your country?

If yes --> put a plus (+) in the free column.

If no --> put a minus (-) in the free column.

Discuss the similarities and differences.